

TEACHING AND LEARNING / *Proverbs 12:15*

Good teaching comes from good learning—and Proverbs has more to say to students than to teachers. Proverbs is concerned with the learning of wisdom. The book makes it clear that there are no good alternatives to learning wisdom. We are either becoming wise learners or refusing to learn and becoming foolish failures. Proverbs encourages us to make the right choice.

Wise Learners

Quietly accept instruction

Love discipline

Listen to advice

Accept parents' discipline

Lead others to life

Receive honor

Profit from constructive criticism

Proverb(s)

10:8; 15:23; 23:12

12:1

12:15; 21:11; 24:6

13:1

10:17

13:18

15:31-32; 29:1

Foolish Failures

Ignore instruction

Hate correction

Think they need no advice

Mock parents

Lead others astray

End in poverty and disgrace

Self-destruct by refusing criticism

Advice to Teachers:

Help people avoid traps (13:14), use pleasant words (16:21), and speak at the right time (15:23; 18:20).